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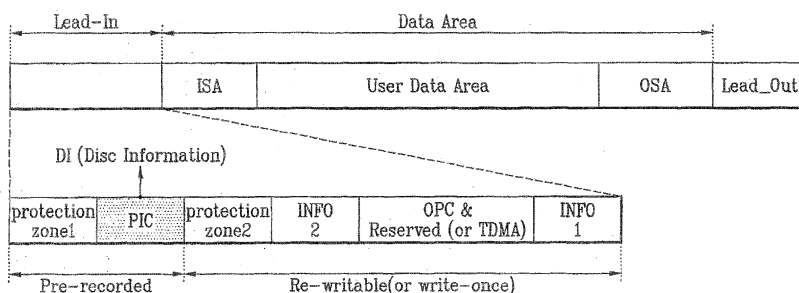
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(54) **Recording medium, method of configuring control information thereof, recording and reproducing method using the same, and apparatus thereof**

(57) The Invention relates to a recording medium having data structure of a control information with at least one recording layer. The control information includes at least two information units for lower writing speed and higher writing speed. The first information unit for lower writing speed includes write strategy parameters for first write strategy type to be used for the lower writing speed. The first write strategy type is one of a plurality of write strategy types applicable to the lower writing speed, and mandatory type to be used necessarily for at least the lower writing speed or a preferred type determined based

on a preference among the plurality of write strategy types applicable to the lower writing speed. The second information unit for higher writing speed includes write strategy parameters for a write strategy to be used for the higher writing speed. The write strategy type for the higher writing speed is the same as the first strategy type or a write strategy type different than the first write strategy type, and mandatory type to be used necessarily for at least the higher writing speed or a preferred type determined based on a preference among the plurality of write strategy types applicable to the higher writing speed.

FIG. 1



- ISA : Inner Spare Area
- OSA : Outer Spare Area
- PIC : Permanent Information & Control data
- TDMA : Temporary Defect Management Area



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Reason for the limitation of the search:

1.The term "is followed" in claim 5 is ambiguous.
This applies mutatis mutandis to claim 17, 18, 24, 25.

2.In claim 6 it is not clear how it can be determined from the data structure per se that "the first type write strategy is an optional or alternative type to use optionally or alternatively for at least a higher writing speed".
It is not clear how it can be recognized from the recording medium per se that a "write strategy is an optional or alternative type".
This applies mutatis mutandis to claim 7-11.

3. Claim 27 is obscure.

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